

December 8, 2024

Peace

# From Your Pastor

How do you do your Christmas shopping? Some people plan ahead and shop early. Others don't begin to think about purchasing until Black Friday or later. Some have their favorite stores; others shop at the mall.

This past Monday was known as Cyber Monday. Experts reported that more online shopping occurred on this day than ever before. Many will shop exclusively online. With just a few clicks, everything will arrive at their door.

I purchased a gift online and didn't want it shipped home to keep it a secret. Instead of picking it up inside the store, I used an outdoor locker for pickup. After receiving a code, I had five days to visit the outdoor locker, enter the code, and retrieve my gift. It was one of the easiest purchases I can remember making. Now if I can keep it a secret until Christmas.

You know, some of the best gifts we can give this season are not things we purchase. We can make favorite dishes for the ones we love. We can plan events together. We can choose to give gifts of time and attention. We can intentionally gift one another with our affirmations and our blessings. Some of these are gifts that keep on giving.

As we give thoughtful gifts at Christmas, let's not forget the gift we have received. *For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* ~ the prophet Isaiah

Blessings,  
Ande



## Ministry Team

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# Weekly Opportunities

## Sunday School

Sundays at 9:15 am

There are Bible study classes for all ages!  
Visit [cbcfc.org/about/sunday-school/](http://cbcfc.org/about/sunday-school/) for a list of classes.

## Media Center

Come take advantage of the resources your church library has to offer! Open Sundays 8:30am - 10:20am  
Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12pm; 2pm - 4pm

## Family Life Center

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday | 8am – 8pm  
Wednesday | 8am – 2pm and Friday | 8am – noon  
The fitness calendar can be found on our website at  
[cbcfc.org/calendar/fitness/](http://cbcfc.org/calendar/fitness/)

## Monday Night for College & Young Adults

Small Group. . . . . 7-8pm. . . . . [cturner@cbcfc.org](mailto:cturner@cbcfc.org) for info

## Wednesday Night LIFE

Pre-K thru 5th grade. . . . . 6-7:30pm. . . . . Children's Space  
6th-12th grade. . . . . 7-8:30pm. . . . . Youth Space

## Wednesday Night for Adults

Adult Choir Rehearsal . . . . . 6-8pm . . . . . Music Suite  
Devotion with Ande Myers. . . . . 7pm. . . . . Facebook

## Preschool Worship Workers

**December 8** Avery Brewer, Kate Cooper,  
Kristi Pendley, Barbara Newman,  
Lynn Bates

**December 15** Debbie Crowder, Pam Nodine,  
Diane Johnson, Melinda Waddell



*Praying Giving Going*

- \* Thank you to those who have served and generously donated in assisting in relief efforts. You can continue to order from the Amazon Wishlist, using the QR code, and items will be shipped directly to North Carolina.
- \* Stay abreast of service opportunities by emailing your name and phone number to [disasterrelief@cbcfc.org](mailto:disasterrelief@cbcfc.org)



# Family Info



## In Rehabilitation

Beverly Cawrse - Life Care of Blount County

## Home from the hospital

Betty Lane

Steve Smith

## In Sympathy

Jim Reid in the loss of his sister, Elizabeth Mabe

Lee Dunn in the loss of his father, Leroy Dunn

Lynn Bates in the loss of his mother, Alice Buhl Bates

To the family of Kathy King

*Thank you notes from Reggie Waddell and Samaritan's Purse have been received and are on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.*



**NORTH KNOXVILLE  
WARMING CENTER**

**DEC 15  
TO  
JAN 15**



**Help care for our vulnerable neighbors on bitterly cold nights!**

To help prevent death and frostbite, Fountain City United Methodist Church will be an emergency warming station when the temperature is predicted to drop below 25 degrees. Sign up to be a volunteer using the QR code or by contacting FCUMC at 865-689-5175 or [spirit@fountaincityumc.org](mailto:spirit@fountaincityumc.org)

# Weekly Record

	<u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
12/1/24	\$31,038.46	\$24,826.48	\$22,843.23
YTD	\$279,346.15	\$228,501.85	\$224,844.12

Morning Worship. . . . . 343

Sunday School. . . . . 268

Christmas Missions Offering Goal: \$20,000

Given: \$12,763



# Upcoming Events

## Hearts & Hands

women's ministry

### CHRISTMAS MEETING

Sunday, December 8  
11:30am | Fellowship Hall

Soup Lunch & Cookie Exchange  
Please bring 3 dozen favorite cookies to share!  
Ministry Focus: Gift baskets for ToyStore families



## ToyStore

**Monday, December 9**

This will be the 30th year of this important ministry! If you would like to be a part of this fun and rewarding morning serving our community, we would love to have you!

Please contact Lisa McMillan with any questions:  
865-805-6375

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Christmas

### CAROLING



Wednesday, December 11 at 6pm



**Homebound Ministry Christmas Delivery**

**Wednesday, December 11**

Contact Doug Brown for more information  
dbrown99.laknology.net





## Senior Christmas Luncheon

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
11AM - FELLOWSHIP HALL

Catered meal served by the church staff.

Please RSVP to Debbie in the church office: 865-688-2421

ADULT & YOUTH CHOIRS PRESENT


## Hope is Born

December 15  
6pm in the Sanctuary

## SERVICE OF HOPE

A time of remembrance

Tuesday, December 17  
6 pm | Sanctuary



Wednesday Night LIFE

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

**WED. DEC 18**

Pre-K thru 5th Grade\*

6-7:30pm

Children's Space

YOUTH

7-8:30pm

Youth Space





## COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT MOVIE NIGHT

December 20 7pm  
Caleb & Liz's

Senior Adult

## Three Rivers Rambler

### Christmas Lantern Express

Saturday, December 21

Call Debbie in church office to sign up:  
865-688-2421

Please leave your phone number.

\*\$47, leaving from INSKIP BAPTIST at 10am





## Christmas

### EVE SERVICE

**DECEMBER 24 | 4PM | SANCTUARY**

Our Christmas Eve Offering will support North Carolina Disaster Relief



# Sunday Morning Worship

*December 8, 2024 10:30 a.m.*

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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	arr. Wood
<b>Welcome to Worshipers</b>		Rev. Ande Myers
<b>Hymn No. 256</b>	<i>We Are People of God's Peace</i>	
<b>Choral Worship</b>	<i>Christmas Is Coming</i>	Raney
	Youth Choir	
<b>Lighting of the Advent Wreath</b>	<i>PEACE</i>	Gabe Gadd
<b>Hymn No. 132</b>	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>		Becky Renfro
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>A Midnight Clear</i>	arr. Tucker
	Jubilation Ringers	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Luke 3:1-6	Kate Cooper
<b>Choral Worship</b>	<i>The First Noel</i>	arr. Forrest
<b>Message</b>	<i>Preparation</i>	Rev. Ande Myers
<b>Hymn No. 99</b>	<i>View the Present Through the Promise</i>	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Variations on a Noel</i>	Haan

*Online Connections*

[www.cbcfc.org](http://www.cbcfc.org)

[www.Vimeo.com/cbcfc](http://www.Vimeo.com/cbcfc) for our online service

Upcoming events, conversation & photos

on Facebook and Instagram @cbcfontaincity

